

Colonel Hed was born to Swedish immigrants in St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 16, 1920; and ever since he was young, his passion was aviation. In his teens, he enlisted in the Air National Guard and eventually went on to flying school in the Army Air Corps. He later served in World War II in the Aleutian Islands. Upon his return to Minnesota, he helped start the Air National Guard base in Duluth, now the 148th Fighter Wing.

In his career, he has flown over 7,400 hours in over 75 different aircraft. He even owned a prototype, the Baby Albatross sailplane, which now resides in the Smithsonian; and in 2003, he was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was married to the love of his life, Artelle, for 55 years.

Throughout his 91 years on this Earth, Colonel Hed was a true American who lived by the motto of "God, family, country." Minnesota will miss him, and America will miss the likes of him.

THE HELP ENTREPRENEURS CREATE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to support a tax cut to help entrepreneurs start businesses. Today, I'm introducing the Help Entrepreneurs Create American Jobs Act to permanently double the deduction for start-up expenses. Supporting small entrepreneurs, who are the true job creators, and creating jobs should be our number one priority. That is why President Obama called for this tax cut and why I am proud to stand with businesses across my district and the Nation to introduce this commonsense proposal.

We must put party aside and make it easier for Americans to start small businesses. I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET DESTROYS JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, National Review Editor Rich Lowry stated that the President's budget "is built on gimmicks and cheery assumptions that support a massive superstructure of new taxes and new debt. It is a blueprint for national decline."

The President's budget request called for the biggest tax increases and accumulates the largest debt in our Nation's history. Over the past 3 years, this administration has spent more money than ever before and increased

our national debt by almost \$5 trillion. Our unemployment rate has consistently remained above 8 percent for 36 months. It is clear that borrowing and spending more money will not create jobs. It is past time for the President and the liberal-controlled Senate to come together and support House Republicans' efforts to put American families back to work. Dozens of job-promoting bills that have passed the House are sadly held up in the Senate graveyard.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

THE TRANSPORTATION BILL

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, across the Nation, Americans are calling for Congress to take immediate action to create new jobs. Instead of working on a bipartisan agenda to create jobs, Republicans are moving a transportation bill that slashes the infrastructure funding and destroys jobs.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has called this bill the worst transportation bill he has ever seen. The Republican transportation bill would eliminate 550,000 American jobs, cut highway investment in 45 States, and bankrupt the highway trust fund by \$98 billion.

Congress must get serious about working together to solve the problems our Nation is facing. It just can't be "my way or the highway." Let's do a jobs bill that will create jobs for the American people.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CARDINAL- DESIGNATE DOLAN

(Mr. GRIMM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIMM. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to congratulate Archbishop Timothy Dolan, who will be elevated to a cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church this Saturday. His Holiness, Pope Benedict, could not have picked a better man of faith for this prestigious role. Archbishop Dolan has dedicated his entire life to serving God and the Catholic Church.

Just 3 years ago, New Yorkers were blessed when the Pope appointed him the 10th Archbishop of New York. He has warmed our hearts with his big personality and quick wit, and he has strengthened our faith with his guidance. On a national level, his leadership has shed positive light on the Catholic Church and continues to raise his profile.

As New Yorkers, we are truly blessed to have Archbishop Dolan lead our archdiocese from the pulpit at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We couldn't be more proud that he will soon be wearing a

red hat and serving as the prince of the Catholic Church in the Pope's College of Cardinals.

Once again, I offer my warm congratulations to Cardinal-Designate Dolan and wish him Godspeed in his new role.

PRESIDENT'S 2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, on Monday, President Obama released his 2013 budget proposal. The budget recognizes that infrastructure investments are necessary to create an environment of growth. For western New York in particular, we are pleased it includes measures that benefit the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Buffalo Coast Guard, Jamestown Airport, and our Great Lakes.

We need only look at the United States in 1937, Japan in the 1990s, and Europe over the last couple of years to understand the dire consequences of government pulling back at a time of economic uncertainty. For this reason, I wish the budget had gone a little further.

A New America Foundation report makes the case that investing \$1.2 trillion over the next 5 years rebuilding the infrastructure of this Nation will create 27 million jobs in 5 years. This job growth would cut the debt and deficit and create jobs for Americans, for these jobs cannot be outsourced.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AND OBAMACARE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, despite the Obama administration's recent actions to disguise their attempt to force contraceptive coverage on religious institutions, the American people will not be fooled.

The Obama administration has gone out of its way to impose its radical agenda on Americans. While some religious exemptions exist for churches, affiliated institutions such as religious hospitals or schools would not be exempt from this overreaching mandate. In fact, New York Bishop Timothy Dolan summed it up when he said:

Never before has the Federal Government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their own conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights.

This administration has shown no restraint in expanding the size, scope, and power of the Federal Government. We must repeal this law and restore religious freedom to religiously affiliated institutions in this country.